The Australian Flag

We print the lines from the British Union Jack and the stars from the Southern Cross pattern seen in the sky at night from every location in Australia and also the biggest star with seven points for the territory and all the states in Australia. The colours of our flag are white, blue and red.

We are learning the National Anthem song about Australia so that we can sing it when we have important times in our room. We know to stand still and not fidget as we sing.

A stick story explains the colours of the flag and the stars that represent the other components.
Before Australia had a flag or a national anthem the people who lived here were the Aborigines and they lived in the bush, on the land. They also had music and the men played the didgeridoo and tapping sticks when they were celebrating.

The didgeridoo was made from a hollowed piece of wood from a tree and was painted with dot patterns to tell a story. Long ago only men were allowed to play the didgeridoo.

It wasn’t until long after Australia was discovered by white people that our country had the Advance Australia Fair song. We talk about if we have heard it before and where that was.
Dot painting on the didgeridoo was done by carefully dotting the ochre paint colours with a cotton bud.